



KEY EDITORIAL MESSAGE

Dear Readers,

On behalf of Sphere India I would like to welcome you all to explore Sphere India Monthly Newsletter, February 2016 Edition. This issue will contribute to provide a small glance of humanitarian work taken up during last month in different parts of India.

This issue covers news update from Sphere India members on **Chennai Flood Response**, from government sector it includes a write-up on Successful launch of **India's Fifth Navigation Satellite IRNSS-1E**, from IAG it includes the **Crisis Analysis study after Manipur Floods** and a brief of **Sphere India program news**. And lastly it includes a list of upcoming trainings and consultations in the month of February- March, 2016.

We as Sphere India team are honoured to share the work of so many committed and thoughtful activities of our member organizations in India.

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Dear Friends,

Catholic Relief Services (CRS) is an international development organization, working with local partners in India since 1946, to support development and emergency programs across India. CRS' mission is to support local NGO partners, to provide humanitarian assistance and promote socio-economic development among the poor and the underprivileged - irrespective of caste, religion or ethnicity. CRS' programs are primarily in the areas of humanitarian assistance, disaster management, health, agricultural livelihoods, and protection of women and children. CRS is committed to developing innovative approaches to DRR and has been working with communities in building resilience through low cost shelter models, raised latrines and tube wells, community planning, and resilient cropping methods. CRS works closely with other organizations and government stakeholders.

CRS successfully incorporated ICT in recent emergency responses, which reduced the time taken to respond and improved efficiency, transparency, and use of data. This was appreciated by the community and the government alike. We will be glad to share further information on this ICT for emergencies (ICT4E) approach, if other member agencies are interested.

CRS' association with Sphere India began in 2005, when our staff were involved in the ToT (Training of Trainers) in Sphere Minimum Standards. The relationship has since continued and strengthened, and CRS works with Sphere India on capacity building activities.

We appreciate Sphere India for bringing coordination and consistency in emergency responses, and providing a platform for sharing expression and innovations. The JRNA (Joint Rapid Need Assessment) tool initiated by them has helped many organizations to take quick decisions on the emergency response. We welcome the Sphere India team's initiative in collating experiences, best practices, learnings, challenges and key issues from the humanitarian community in India and successfully documenting and sharing the same with a wider audience through newsletters. This is a valuable service and contributes to improving the quality and impact of humanitarian response.

On behalf of CRS, I take this opportunity to wish all member agencies and Sphere India success in future humanitarian activities and endeavours.

In Tamil Nadu Floods, as Swati and her family had hoped and waited for the rain to stop, the water had slowly entered their small thatched hut. Pretty soon they were standing in knee deep water. "As if it was not enough that she is a widow, that one of her daughter who came to stay with her after she was separated from her husband, that the husband of the second daughter was bed ridden and was totally depended, that her first daughter had a daughter of her own to feed and educate..." these were some of the random thoughts that passed Swati's mind as she prepared herself to face the floods caused by rains since late November.



In the same neighbourhood, what made Murgesan's life even more difficult, when compared to others is that he is physically challenged and has no source of income, not to mention his Dalit background. Murgesan, his daughter and his wife Lachmi- who is mentally not well survives on a small monthly pension from the government. The recent rain water had flooded their small house that they got from the government because of his PWD status as it was located in a low lying area. Although Murgesan was never so lucky to have used his legs since age five- when he was diagnosed with Typhoid, he never felt so helpless like he did this time as he watched the flood waters invade his home inch by inch. He has now returned to his house with his family, which is still wet and muddy.

Responding to the floods in Tamil Nadu, Caritas India, a Delhi based national humanitarian agency have brought relief to 2300 people in the district of Kanchipuram alone, aimed to benefit the most affected people like Murgesan and Swati with basic nutritional needs and have access to sufficient food, clothing and hygiene.

Caritas network's flood response in the state can be seen in three parts, namely the zero phase, phase one and phase two.



During the zero phase, post November 21, Rs.2.5 million was disbursed to activate rapid assessment team along with immediate relief that mostly included running community kitchens that provided cooked meals to flood stranded families across the seven districts of Kanchipuram, Tiruvallur, Cuddalore, Thanjavur, Kumbakonam, Vellore and Salem.



During phase one (December 3-15), 2500 relief kits were distributed covering the districts of Kanchipuram, Tiruvallur, Cuddalore, and Salem.

During phase two (December 16-22), the number of districts were brought down to three worst affected districts of Kanchipuram, Tiruvallur and Cuddalore distributing 5000 relief kits.

The relief kits included dry ration and drinking water, non-food items like clothes, utensils and sanitary items like soap, napkins were distributed as per Sphere standard. Simultaneously, medical camps were organized between December 13-17 across 22 different locations of Thiruvallur district reaching out to 5.7 thousand disaster hit people, mostly women and children.

The cost from phase zero to phase two is Rs.14 million. However, additional relief materials were mobilized by Caritas partners' network worth nearly Rs.30 million, raising the total figure to Rs.44 million so far.

A total of nearly 200,000 people from 168 villages benefitted during this period with support from over 600 flood response volunteers headed by a 15 member Caritas India flood response team. Most affected families irrespective of caste and religion were identified. Caritas officers placed in strategic distribution points regularly verified the details of 4% of the beneficiary lists. Although we have been operating from various locations, presently we have our base camps set up in three strategic locations, namely Pondicherry, Chengalpattu and Chennai. While major relief and response was concentrated in three most affected districts of Kanchipuram, Cuddalore and Tiruvallur, support was also extended to needy families in relatively low affected districts of Thanjavur, Kumbakonam, Vellore and Salem.

Ahead in phase three, which will also be the final phase of flood response, the plan include rebuilding and renovation of 738 flood damaged houses through (conditional) cash transfer scheme. Each identified family will receive a little less than Rs.15000 under this scheme to be completed by January 2016. The total cost by end this phase is estimated to cross Rs.50 million.

A generous donation to this cause is awaited. The long term intervention will depend on the fund generated hereafter. If you wish to support this cause, send in your donations to the bank account and email your PAN and contact details to directorcaritasindia@gmail.com.

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PSLV-C31 Successfully Launches India's Fifth Navigation Satellite IRNSS-1E

ISRO's Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle, PSLV-C31, successfully launched the 1425 kg IRNSS-1E, the fifth satellite in the Indian Regional Navigation Satellite System (IRNSS) today morning (January 20, 2016) from Satish Dhawan Space Centre SHAR, Sriharikota. This is the thirty second consecutively successful mission of PSLV and the eleventh in its 'XL' configuration.

After the PSLV-C31 lift-off at 0931 hrs (9:31 am) IST from the Second Launch Pad with the ignition of the first stage, the subsequent important flight events, namely, strap-on ignitions and separations, first stage separation, second stage ignition, heat-shield separation, second stage separation, third stage ignition and separation, fourth stage ignition and satellite injection, took place as planned. After a flight of about 18 minutes 43 seconds, IRNSS-1E Satellite was injected to an elliptical orbit of 282.4 km X 20,655.3 km inclined at an angle of 19.21 degree to the equator (very close to the intended orbit) and successfully separated from the PSLV fourth stage. After injection, the solar panels of IRNSS-1E were deployed automatically. ISRO's Master Control Facility (at Hassan, Karnataka) took over the control of the satellite. In the coming days, four orbit manoeuvres will be conducted from Master Control Facility to position the satellite in the Geosynchronous Orbit at 111.75 deg East longitude with 28.1 deg inclination.

IRNSS-1E is the fifth of the seven satellites constituting the space segment of the Indian Regional Navigation Satellite System. IRNSS-1A, 1B, 1C and 1D, the first four satellites of the constellation, were successfully launched by PSLV on July 02, 2013, April 04, 2014, October 16, 2014 and March 28, 2015 respectively. All the four satellites are functioning satisfactorily from their designated orbital positions.

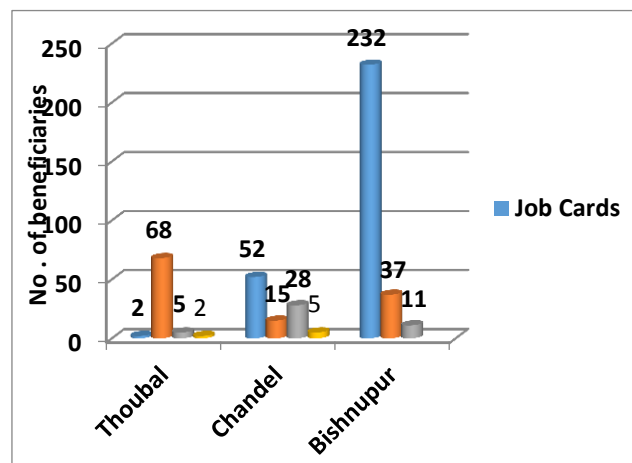
IRNSS is an independent regional navigation satellite system designed to provide position information in the Indian region and 1500 km around the Indian mainland. IRNSS would provide two types of services, namely, Standard Positioning Services (SPS) - provided to all users - and Restricted Services (RS), provided to authorised users.

A number of ground stations responsible for the generation and transmission of navigation parameters, satellite ranging and monitoring, etc., have been established in eighteen locations across the country. In the coming months, the remaining two satellites of this constellation, namely, IRNSS-1F and 1G, are scheduled to be launched by PSLV, thereby completing the entire IRNSS constellation.

Inter Agency Group (IAG) – Manipur

FINDING AND SHARING OF BASELINE REPORT RIGHT IN CRISIS ANALYSIS – MANIPUR FLOODS WITH RESPECTIVE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATIONS

The baseline findings on Right in Crisis Analysis reports from 3 districts namely Bishnupur, Chandel and Thoubal with list of beneficiaries were shared with Secretary, Relief & Disaster management, Government of Manipur and respective Deputy Commissioners (DCs), BDOs, Districts Social Welfare Officers (DSWOs), PRIs and Villages Chief Associations to achieve the following objectives through one to one meeting in coordination with leads agencies from each district from 16th – 25th November, 2015.



1. To improve the access and utilization of important government social protection schemes by ensuring linkages between community and government.
2. To create awareness about various social protection schemes and post flood entitlements
3. To converge livelihood support with the existing social protection schemes for sustainable livelihood intervention
4. To produce a replicable advocacy model for agencies in other districts

Based on the findings of the baseline study the general conclusions were that floods have affected large number of people in one way or the other. As a part of the baseline study - Caritas India surveyed 131 households (HHs) in 2 villages of Chandel district, CASA surveyed 160 HHs in 9 villages of Thoubal & Chandel districts, OXFAM India surveyed 230 HHs in 2 villages of Thoubal district, PRDA covered 232 HHs in 3 villages of Bishnupur district and WSDC surveyed 100 HHs in 4 villages of Chandel district:

S.No.	Agency	No. of HHs	District	Block	Gram Panchayat	Villages
1	Caritas India	131	Chandel	Tenoupal		Island and Theimungkung
2	CASA	160	Thoubal	Thoubal,	Sangaiyumpha, Wangjing, Langathel, Wangoo	Nungphou Ward no.3, Pulipokpi, Teckcham Leiki Ward no. 9 & 10, Hodamba W. N-4, Mamang Leikai W.N -3, 5, 9 and Sandang Khong
			Chandel	Tenoupal, Chandel		Angbrosu, Thanlakhoren, Kongpe
3	OXFAM India	230	Thoubal	Kakching	Arongnongmaikho ng, Wangoo	Komnao, Wangoo Nongyaikho ng
4	PRDA	232	Bishnupur	Bishnupur , Moirang	Nambol, Nachou, Borayangbi	Naorem, Upokpi Khunou, Napat
5	WSDC	100	Chandel	Machi		Konaitong, Khoibu, Biyang, Minou
Total		853	3	7	9	20

INTER-AGENCY COORDINATION

During the third spill of rains on first December, the Inter Agency Coordination Committee (IAC) of Sphere India - the National Coalition of humanitarian agencies activated Unified Response Strategy (URS) at National level with active participation of State IAG (Inter Agency Group) Tamil Nadu. Primary objective of such URS is to avoid the duplicity of efforts while bringing transparency to the entire process. A series of emergency coordination and sectoral committee meetings with IAG members, UN agencies, and Government officials, Corporates, Academic Institutions and NDRF has helped in operating as one window.



The joint need assessment report by various agencies categorically brought out the immediate sectoral recommendations for relief and both short and long term needs. By the end of emergency relief phase after 20 days of the floods, a multi-sectoral Joint Detailed Need Assessment (JDNA) followed by State Level Planning meeting of IAG members was instrumental finalizing the possible sectors for detailed assessment, selection of geographical areas and sampling of HHs. Keeping in mind the challenges in handling massive disasters such as

this, we propose investing and strengthening the local networks @IAG. Among the other key recommendation are:

- Involve Government Organizations for having GO-NGO coordination platform at State, District & Urban/ City level.
- Multi Stakeholder DRR Advisory Committee to approve the rehabilitation process with long term inclusive DRR actions.
- Advocacy on SFDRR and Disaster Risk Reduction activities through IAG platform.
- Review of State & District Disaster Management Plans
- Trained pool of HR on Joint Rapid Needs Assessment
- Agreed guideline/TOR on Joint Detailed Needs Assessment with JDNA APPS.
- Dedicated Coordinators to coordinate and strengthen the GO-NGO platforms.
- Response Bulletin with details information's on all actions and expenditures.

Sharing of Baseline Report Right in Crisis Analysis – Manipur Floods with Respective District Administrations

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Targeted Government Social Protection Schemes were:

- National Rural Livelihood Mission (NRLM)- MGNREGA
- National Social Assistance Programme (NSAP) including Certification of Persons with Disability(PWD), Widow Certificate and Old Age Pension Certificate
- Government entitlement to flood affected households and
- Procurement of lost documents

State level

- The base line report on RIC reports was shared with Secretary, Relief & Disaster management, Government of Manipur.

TRAINING AND CAPACITY BUILDING PROGRAMME

GEMEx MISP Training in Guwahati:

On request of Assam State Disaster Management Authority (ASDMA), Sphere India provided the technical and logistic support for a 3 day MISP Training Tract from 14th to 17th December 2016 which was included as part of the Guwahati Emergency Management Exercise supported by ASDMA. The training was attended by 63 participants from the Government Health Department in Guwahati.

3 Day MISP State Training in Bihar:

A 3 day MISP Training was organised with support from UNFPA Bihar and State Health Society, Govt. of Bihar. A total of **33 participants** attended the training including Medical Officers, District Programme Managers from **10 most affected districts of Bihar**. **10 Collective MISP Contingency Action Plans** were developed by the participants by the end of the training.



MISP Integration Workshop in Bihar:

A half day planning meeting was organised at Patna inviting Bihar State Disaster Management Authority, Health Department, MISP State Trainers, participants and Champions to develop a **roadmap for Integration of MISP in the State and District Health and Disaster Management Plans**.

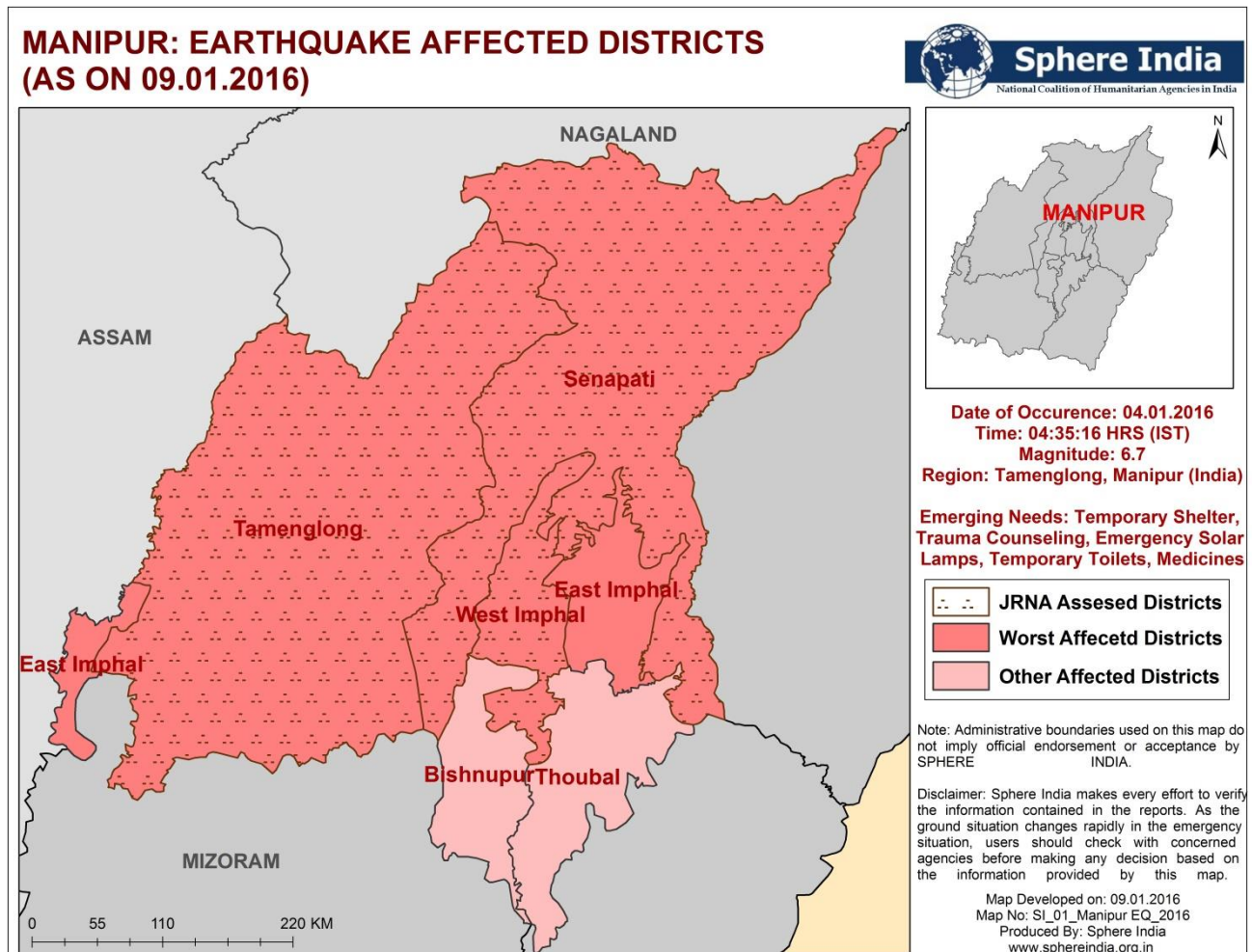
Follow up with Bihar, Odisha, J&K, Assam on future capacity building initiatives:

Technical support was provided to DPH Odisha, in terms of sharing of 2 and 3 day Modules, sharing of List of participants who attended the 12 district trainings and Potential Trainers for the forthcoming district trainings in Odisha. Activity Reports were shared with Health Department J&K and Assam and MISP Manuals dispatched to Bihar, Assam and Odisha and a follow up was made on the roadmap ahead for integration of MISP and inclusion in the Health PIP.

KNOWLEDGE MANAGEMENT

GIS Mapping of affected area + JRNA Assessed Dist. of Manipur Earthquake

Due to an Earthquake of 6.7 magnitudes in Richter scale that hits Manipur on 4th January, 2016 early morning has caused huge damages to lives and properties in Imphal West district and Tamenglong district of Manipur. Please find below the map on worst affected district, other affected district and JRNS assessed districts.



National Level Consultation on Strengthening Local Network for Humanitarian Actions and SFDRR 17-18th December, 2015



IMPORTANT TRAININGS/EVENTS in Feb-March, 2016:

Sr. No.	Event/Training/Workshop	Date	Place
1.	Certificate Training on Applied Humanitarian Logistics Management	2-4 February	New Delhi
2.	Environmental-health with respect to Disasters, Emergencies and conflicts	3-5 February	New Delhi
3.	Capacity Building Training on JRNA process and Kobo Collect Application	5-6 February (Tentative)	Uttarakhand
4.	Capacity Building Training on JRNA process and Kobo Collect Application	9-10 February (Tentative)	Himachal Pradesh
5.	Capacity Building Training on JRNA process and Kobo Collect Application	15-16 February (Tentative)	Chhattisgarh
6.	Capacity Building Training on JRNA process and Kobo Collect Application	19-20 February (Tentative)	Andhra Pradesh
7.	Minimum Initial Service Package State Training	3 rd Week, February (Tentative)	Bihar
8.	ToT on Comprehensive Landslide Disaster Risk Management	22-26 February	Tripura
9.	Capacity Building Training on JRNA process and Kobo Collect Application	23-24 February (Tentative)	Tamil Nadu
10.	Industrial (Chemical) Disasters Management	22-26 February	Odisha
11.	Regional Planning and Disaster Risk Reduction	2-4 March	New Delhi
12.	Minimum Initial Service Package State Training	3 rd Week, March	Tamil Nadu

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